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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process following the winter storm that began Friday, December 20, 2013 causing significant tree damage throughout Norman.

In order to remove the fallen vegetation, the City will provide debris removal from the street rights-of-way, generally the area 15 feet behind the edge of the street, beginning on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

### **General removal guidelines**

- Crews have begun working within the City rights-of-way to remove storm related debris and cut down and remove any damaged limbs that may impact the public rights-of-way.
- Crews will be working between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week until work is completed.
- Weather permitting, the first pass of debris removal from the December 20, 2013 winter storm will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2014 and is expected to be completed by January 16, 2014.
- Weather permitting, a final pass will begin on January 20, 2014 and is expected to be completed by February 3, 2014.
- Crews will be working throughout the City.
- Only residential properties are eligible for debris removal.
- No commercial, industrial, or institutional properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman. This material can be disposed of at the City of Norman Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road if the limbs are no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter at no cost. Larger debris may be disposed of for a fee at the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.
- Please do not place debris in the road, on sidewalks, or within the intersection sight triangle (25 feet of street corners) as this can cause a safety issue.
- As in previous ice storm events, please do not place debris near any water meter vault, fire hydrant, any other above-ground utility, mailboxes, or poly carts.

- Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection. Do not place debris in alleys for collection.
- Norman citizens are asked to avoid affected areas as the increased traffic will only delay cleanup operations.
- Bagged debris should not be placed on the street right-of-way for this pick up; only loose debris will be collected. Bagged debris will be collected at the normal yard waste collection.
- Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Contractors will have flag persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operations. Please be cautious when passing and travel at slow speeds in these areas.
- Please remove parked vehicles or other obstructions from the public or private street when the debris contractor is working in the area.
- City crews will not remove limbs or debris from power lines. Contact the appropriate power company.
  - Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) (405) 272-9595 or
  - Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC) (405) 321-2024

### **Urban Debris Removal**

- In the area indicated on the attached map as urban, debris removal will include residential vegetative debris. Construction debris, trash and other non-vegetated waste will not be picked up.
- Vegetative debris is defined as storm-damaged limbs, branches and shrubbery (burnable woody debris). The material should be cut in 8'-12' lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway.
- Discarded Christmas trees will not be collected as part of the storm debris removal. However, the City of Norman will collect Christmas trees as a part of the normal monthly yard waste collection at no additional cost, provided that the decorations and stands are properly removed from the trees.
- Debris from yards will be collected if it is moved to the right-of way.
- Residents may remove the debris from their property and dispose of the material at the City of Norman Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road if the limbs are no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter at no cost. Larger debris may be disposed of for a fee at the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.

### **Rural Debris Removal**

- In the area indicated on the map as rural, City work crews will clear and remove vegetative debris that is located within the City rights-of-way. This is generally 15 feet behind the paving or outside any fenced areas adjacent to road ways.
- Residents are asked to not remove additional debris from adjacent properties into the right-of-way.
- Burn permits for debris may be obtained by contacting the Fire Department Administration Office at 292-9780.

Weekly household garbage and monthly yard waste collection occurring on the first full week of month will continue to be provided to current customers on the normal schedule. In addition, the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice. The Compost Facility is able to receive limbs (no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter) at no cost. All contaminated loads (paper, rocks, bricks, and trash) will be rejected. Larger vegetated debris can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.

Please contact the Action Center at (405) 366-5396 or the City Public Works Department at (405) 366-5452 with any questions. Additional information can be found on the City website – [www.normanok.gov](http://www.normanok.gov).

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